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## Image of women's sports changing at UMM; tennis, swimming latest to be added to program

Women's athletics appear to be on the upswing at UMM. Several recent developments would tend to support such an assessment. For example, tennis and swimming have been added to the women's sports program as the result of Campus Assembly action last spring. Tennis has already been implemented with the women netters posting a winning 4-3 inaugural season. Swimming will be phased in this fall although a coach must still be found and a schedule firmed up.

The new additions boost to five the number of opportunities that UMM women now have to compete in varsity intercollegiate athletics. The other sports are volleyball, basketball and track.

Male students at Morris, by contrast, may participate in football, basketball, wrestling, baseball, tennis and track. The Cougar golf team has been open for several seasons to athletes of both sexes. Currently, it is the

only sport at UMM in which both women and men may compete together. This spring, two women were on the team's roster.

Other changes include:

- Appointment last fall of long-time physical education faculty member Willis Kelly as Women's Athletic Director.
- Hiring this summer of UMM alumnae Maren Michaelson, a former standout for Cougar teams before her graduation in 1975, as head volleyball and track coach and assistant basketball coach. (The appointment is subject to approval of the University's Board of Regents as are all such faculty employment decisions.)
- Major renovations in the Physical Education Center to provide better facilities for women athletes.

Certainly a prime motivator for

the changes has been Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 calling for equal opportunities for women in education. However, at least of equal importance has been the willingness of the UMM administration to confront the situation and attempt to deal with it in a positive manner.

Interest is one compelling reason, and it would be hard to deny such hard data as surfaced in a study this spring of student interest in participating in intercollegiate and intramural sports at UMM. The survey showed, among other things, that nearly half (47 per cent) of currently enrolled women were interested in taking part in one or more intercollegiate sports. Incidentally, 60 per cent of the men shared the same ambition.

UMM's entering classes historically are comprised of academically talented and extracurricular-oriented men and women. To illustrate, the 1974-75 ACT Freshman Class Profile showed an average of 2.4 varsity letters earned in high school by UMM freshmen women and 3.8 by men.

In his announcement naming Kelly to the newly established Women's AD post, Provost Imholte said he was confident that the appointment would be "instrumental in providing greater visibility for women's intercollegiate athletics on our campus... and that it will lead toward a further strengthening of our entire athletic program."

Others feel likewise. For example, Grove City junior Carol Koopman, (Continued on page 4)



Koopman and Kelly...women's athletics on the upswing

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As our fiscal year came to a close on June 30 and I reflect on the past year there comes to mind many people to thank for the generous support given to the Alumni Association since I took office. Provost Imholte has continued to aid the Association in many ways through financial and moral support along with advice as we request it. Our Director, Ron Hamm, and his staff, as in the past, are the backbone of our organization and have put in many hours writing newsletters, corresponding with alumni, updating addresses, organizing events and meetings, and advising the alumni board. Each member of the board also has contributed significantly to our achievements this past year and well deserve a sincere thank you for the work they have done and the time they took from their private lives to contribute to the Association. Especially I want to acknowledge Ruth Gremmels, Dennis Rasmussen and Chris LaLonde for their service to the Alumni Association. They retire from the board this year and each has served the Association well during their term of office. We look forward to their continued support and hope that their dedication to the board was as rewarding for them as it was for us. I also want to thank the alumni who have taken time to write to us during the past year and to those who supported us through their memberships and donations to the Croom Memorial Scholarship Fund. We hope that each of you are satisfied with the projects carried out by the board, and ask for your continued support as well as any criticisms you may have. Thanks again to everyone who helped to make our past year a success.

Doug Kjellerup

### Mary Martelle dies suddenly

UMM alumni, students, faculty and staff were saddened by the death June 25 of Mary E. Martelle. She died suddenly of heart failure in Ellsworth, Wisc., where she had been vacationing with her husband, Kenneth. Last rites were conducted June 28 at Assumption Church in Morris. Mrs. Martelle had served UMM since 1965 as a secretary in the Office of Student Activities, and is missed by the countless hundreds of former and current students who knew her as a friendly and positive influence on the campus atmosphere. She was a counselor and close personal friend of countless students--past and present--as well as an active and concerned contributor to the office where she worked. "Mary was beloved by hundreds and hundreds of students," said Assistant Provost Stephen Granger. "She will be sadly missed by us all."

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# UMMALUMNOTES

## Class of 1964

**Keith Redfield** received his doctorate in ceremonies held on the University's Twin Cities campus in June. He presently is serving as principal of the junior high school in Alexandria, MN.

## Class of 1966

**Dennis Malherek**, an all-conference quarterback while playing for the Cougars, has been named assistant football coach at Jefferson High School in Bloomington. Malherek will be responsible for coaching the Jaguar backfield.

## Class of 1967

The Rev. and Mrs. **Robert Dahl** are parents of a daughter, Teisha LeAnn, born Feb. 17. They also have another daughter, Shana, three. The Dahls reside in Granite Falls where he is associate pastor of Granite Falls Lutheran Church.

## Class of 1968

**Jeffrey C. Cassel** was among the first graduating class May 29 in Rochester of the Mayo Medical School. A biology graduate "with distinction" at UMM, he will begin a residency in family practice at the U.S. Air Force Medical Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio.

**Susan Evans Konrad**, her husband and two daughters now reside in Afton, MN. He is an engineer for Graco, Inc. in Minneapolis, and the family breeds and raises cattle. Their daughters are Jeanne, three, and Rebecca, one.

## Class of 1969

**Michael Fluegel**, an attorney in Morris and a member of the UMM Alumni Association Board of Directors, has been included in the 1976 edition of **Outstanding Young Men of America**.

**Jim Nichols** of Ivanhoe, MN is running for the State Senate from District 20.

**Carter A. Christie** of Prior Lake, MN, a member of the UMM Alumni Association Board of Directors, is included in the 1976 edition of **Outstanding Young Men of America**. The program is sponsored by the U.S. Jaycees and other men's civic and service organizations.

## Class of 1970

**Emmy Lawatsch** of Morris has been included in a recent issue of **Outstanding Young Women of America**.

**Kathleen L. Grussing** of Minneapolis has been listed in the 1975 edition of **Outstanding Young Women of America**.

**Susan Owens Salcedo** and **Robert Yanke** were married last December, and are teaching in Littlefork, MN.

**Mike Tate** has had a busy spring. After receiving word that he had been listed in the current edition of **Outstanding Young Men of America**, he and his wife, the former **JoEllen Glewwe** ('73), attended the Life Insurance Company of North America's VIP Conference in London for seven days. Tate was among 750 agents, agents and company officials participating in business meetings and workshops. He manages an insurance agency in Morris.

## Class of 1972

**Doug Kjellerup** of Fergus Falls, president of the UMM Alumni Association, and **Dr. John Stock** of Morris are listed in the 1976 issue of **Outstanding Young Men of America**.

**Robert W. Thompson** has been named administrator of the Housing Redevelopment Authority in Appleton, MN.

## Class of 1973

**Robert J. Engberg** is now an instructor in auto and light truck mechanics at the Red Wing Area Vocational-Technical Institute. His wife is the former **Michele Ahne**. They are parents of a son, Anthony Duane, born last Feb. 27.

**Paul Miller**, football and basketball coach at Beardsley, MN High School, has been named "Alumni Coach of the Year" by the UMM Lettermen. He was honored at a recent banquet in Morris on the eve of the second annual varsity-alumni football game which capped the Cougars' spring football drills.

Air National Guardsman **Harvey R. Senecal** has graduated from the Air Force electronic communications and cryptographic equipment systems course at Lackland, AFB, Tex., and has returned to his Washington Air Force National Guard unit at Paine Field, Wash.

**Val Stavem**, assistant director of Hothorpe Hall, a Christian retreat center for the Lutheran Church of England, was married last December to Frank Arrowsmith, a computer engineer for Univac. The couple was wed in the chapel at Hothorpe Hall, and are making their home in Theddingsworth, England.

## Class of 1974

**Jennifer Nagel**, a graduate research assistant in psychology at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities campus, is co-author of another journal article. The article, "Effect of vibrissal amputation or anesthesia on rearing behavior in rats," co-authored with UMM Assoc. Prof. of Psychology Ernest D. Kemble, appeared in a recent issue of the **Bulletin of the Psychonomic Society**.

Former Cougar football standout **Pat Popowski** will be an assistant coach next fall at O'Gorman High School in Sioux Falls, S.D. His wife is the former **Nancy Christianson**.

## Class of 1975

Funeral services were held recently in Buffalo, MN for **Jeffrey J. Little** of Minneapolis, who drowned April 17 while skin diving in Lake Superior near the Split Rock State Park light tower. Survived by his widow, daughter, Stacy, parents two brothers and the paternal grandmother, he was doing graduate work in biology at the time of his death.

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who has been "all-everything" on the basketball team for the past two years, feels "we've come a long way. Considering the size of our school and the number of participants," Koopman continued, "we are really doing well." Koopman also thinks women's athletics at UMM are being funded at an adequate level. "When we need it (money), we get it." Koopman believes increased emphasis on women's sports will enhance interest in the subject generally at Morris.

Men's Athletic Director Al Molde, who has faced and surmounted his own problems in taking a 3-6 football team to a Northern Intercollegiate Conference championship in just three short years, feels that heightened awareness of women's sports will have a positive spinoff for UMM's overall athletic program. "The greater the total number of student-athletes we can involve," he observed, "the stronger we'll be--both on the competitive level and on our own campus."

"Maybe," he paused, "it can help us making a stronger case for additional funding."

Molde feels UMM is responding well to the challenge of equalizing opportunities in sports for women, and that "we seem to be a step ahead" of other campuses. "I talk with other AD's," he recalls, "and they are wondering where to begin."

One example of UMM's commitment was the enlargement and centralization this spring of the training room for use by varsity athletes of both sexes. Another has been the construction of an additional locker room for visiting teams so that neither the men's nor women's dressing areas have to be closed during an intercollegiate varsity game to make space for the visitors.

Kelly, too, admits satisfaction with what has happened so far, but still feels uneasy about certain aspects of the program. "I'm optimistic and pleased with the progress being made," she commented, "but the thing that

still bothers me a lot is the lack of coaching positions."

Michaelson will be the first full-time women's coach on a permanent UMM faculty appointment. Last year, Ann Koller had the job on a temporary basis under a special program using non-university funds. Michaelson returns to her Alma Mater following acquisition of a master's degree from South Dakota State.

In the past, all women's coaching positions have been filled by so-called part-time "resource persons" such as Connie Edlund, now a UMM admissions staffer, as volleyball coach a couple years ago, or Sandy Glas, wife of men's cage coach Rich Glas, as women's basketball coach.

Michaelson's employment obviously doesn't preclude the need for such part-time coaches in the other sports, and no-one is claiming that everything has been done that needs to be done. However, as Koopman observes, "There's always time to grow."

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